

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (cancelled)

18. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 32 wherein the first slot is of doglegged form.

19. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 32 wherein the second slot is of doglegged form.

20. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 18 wherein the first slot has a widened mouth at the edge of the body.

21. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 19 wherein the second slot has a widened mouth at the edge of the body.

22. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 20 wherein the body is of a moulded plastic construction.

23-24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 32 wherein the wall has rounded edges.

26. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 32 wherein the clip is symmetrical about central longitudinal and lateral axes.

27. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 32 wherein each of said first opening and said second opening is circular in shape.

28. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 27 wherein the diameter of said first opening is greater than the diameter of said second opening.

29. (currently amended) A clip including
a body,
a first opening within the body and a first slot
extending between said first opening and an edge of the body,
a second opening within the body and a second slot
extending between the second opening and an edge of the body
which is opposite to that from which the slot extends,
said first and second slots each being of doglegged
form and which extends from a widened mouth at the edge of the
body,

said clip being symmetrical about a central longitudinal axis, wherein,

each mouth is separate from said loglegged form, and
each of said first opening and said second opening is
wider in cross-section than a cross-sectional width of the
corresponding first slot and the corresponding second slot.

30. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 29 wherein each opening is circular in shape.

31. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 30 wherein the diameter of one of said first and second openings is greater than the diameter of the other of said first and second openings.

32. (currently amended) A clip including
a body,
a first opening within the body and in which, in use, a part of a plant can engage,
a first slot ~~extends~~ extending between said first opening and ~~an~~ a first edge of the body,
a second opening within the body,
a second slot ~~extends~~ extending between the second opening and ~~an~~ a second edge of the body, wherein,

the second slot extends from ~~an~~ the second edge of the body, which is opposite to ~~that~~ the first edge from which the first slot extends, and

~~the~~ a peripheral edge of the body and the first and second edges of the first and second slots and the first opening and the second opening include a wall which projects from opposite flat sides of the body.

33. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 32 wherein the wall is continuous.

34. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 29 wherein the first doglegged slot has a first portion which extends at an angle to the edge of the body and a second portion which inclines away from the first portion and extends to the first opening.

35. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 34 wherein the first portion of the first doglegged slot extends at right angles to the edge of the body.

36. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 35 wherein the second portion of the first doglegged slot extends diametrically relative to the first opening.

37. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 29 wherein the first and second doglegged slots each has a first portion which extends at an angle to the edge of the body, the first slot further has a second portion which inclines away from the first portion and extends to the first opening within the body and the second slot further has a second portion which inclines away from the first portion and extends to the second opening within the body.

38. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 37 wherein the first portion of each of the first and second slots extends at right angles to the edge of the body.

39. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 38 wherein the second portion of the first slot extends diametrically from the first opening and the second portion of the second slot extends diametrically from the second opening.

40. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim 34 wherein ~~the~~ a peripheral edge of the body and the edges of the first and second slots and first and second openings include a wall which projects from opposite flat sides of the body.